

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A fibrous structure comprising at least two layers wherein at least one of the layers of the structure comprises randomly distributed softwood fibers and at least one other layer of the structure comprises a mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers, wherein the at least one other layer is disposed on ~~less than the entire~~ the layer comprising randomly distributed softwood fibers in a non-random pattern of regions of different basis weight comprising regions containing the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers and regions void of the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The fibrous structure of Claim 1, wherein the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers have a synthetic fiber length to cellulosic fiber length ratio greater than about 1.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The fibrous structure of Claim 1, wherein the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers have a synthetic fiber length to cellulosic fiber length ratio between about 1 and about 20.

Claim 4 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1, wherein the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers have a PTP factor of greater than about 0.75.

Claim 5 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the short cellulosic fibers are hardwood fibers.

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Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the short cellulosic fibers have a length weighted average fiber length of less than about 1 mm and an average cellulosic fiber width of less than about 18 micrometers.

Claim 9 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the synthetic fibers have a length weighted average fiber length of more than about 2 mm and an average synthetic fiber diameter of more than about 15 micrometers.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the softwood fibers have a length weighted average fiber length of greater than about 2 mm and an average cellulosic fiber width less than about 50 micrometers.

Claim 11 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein at least some of the synthetic fibers are bicomponent fibers.

Claim 12 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 11 wherein the bicomponent fibers are polyester based or polyolefin based.

Claim 13 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers has a coarseness value of less than about 50mg/100m.

Claim 14 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers has a coarseness value of less than about 25mg/100m.

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Claim 15 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein at least some of the synthetic fibers are co-joined to at least some of the cellulosic fibers and/or other synthetic fibers.

Claims 16-17 (Cancelled)

Claim 18 (Previously presented): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the fibrous structure is creped, uncreped or embossed.

Claim 19 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the fibrous structure is combined with a separate structure to form a multi-ply article.

Claim 20 (Previously presented): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 further including latex disposed on at least a portion the fibrous structure.

Claims 21-22 (Cancelled)